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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS ZEV YAROSLAVSKY AND
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Since 1987, the Los Angeles Winter Shelter Program (formerly known as the Cold/Wet Weather Program) has provided overnight beds and services for over 2000 homeless people during the winter months. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has administered the program since 1994 with funding primarily from City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds. The Winter Shelters provide approximately 1255 beds in the City and 782 beds elsewhere in the County, along with hotel vouchers for families and case management services, from December 1st through March 15th of each year.

Last year, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$500,000 in one-time funds to cover a shortfall in FEMA funding for the County's Winter Shelter program. This funding gap, however, is an on-going problem. The shortfall could create a crisis situation for the County's homeless individuals who need shelter and services during the winter months. It is imperative that the County fully fund the Winter Shelter program.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief

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Administrative Officer to allocate \$500,000 to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) for the purpose of operating the Winter Shelter program.

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